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This season of the year California poppies make a golden pattern in the green carpet that spreads over hills and open fields

We are gathered for this annual conference in a church that has played a great part in the history of Full Gospel evangelism in these last days. Personalities that have been promoted to higher service from these sacred precincts still have an honored place in the memory halls of many who have felt the impact of their godly example. Truly it pays to spend and be spent for Christ. Brother and Sister Keys and the Glad Tidings church of today are bravely carrying on in the good tradition of yesterday. I feel confident that our fellowship through this convention period, will be as cordial, as spiritual, and as satisfying as anything we have known in years gone by.

It is with mingled emotions that I greet you in this opening session of the 34th District Council. Feelings of joy because of the grace that has rested upon the ministry and the churches through another year, and a humbling sense of gravity because of the magnitude of our unfinished task.

District Council sessions are always crowded for time, but this one promises to be overcrowded. As a means of saving precious time, we will by-pass the usual pastoral message, and limit this report to a brief sketch of matters deemed of general interest, and close with some observations and suggestions that relate to the present and the future of the work, over which the Holy Ghost has made the ministers here present the responsible overseers.

I wish to commend the inherent goodness that I have sensed in our good fellowship, and to voice my personal appreciation for the patience and good nature that has prevailed in so great measure throughout the year that is now history. Speaking for all the District officers, I can say that we have had a rather full share in the blessings and tribulations which are the common heritage of the saints in light. I am happy to say that there is much in the composite picture to encourage us. The Lord is with us. We have a testimony, a song, a mission.

This past year has witnessed many changes in District personnel. Some of our good pastors have moved to other fields, and we miss them sorely. Pastors from other fields have invaded our peaceful shores, and I take this opportunity to express to each of them the hearty welcome of the brotherhood. May we look forward together, to sustained comradeship as we seek to co-ordinate our efforts in a great cause.

During the year some 12 groups have been brought into organic relationship with the Council, and a like number of new church buildings have been erected, along with numerous advances in the physical assets of our growing fellowship: such as Sunday school facilities,

Superintendent's Annual Message

To the 34th District Council

by W. T. Gaston

parsonages, etc. It has been a joy to share in many dedication services and to see this outward evidence of inward grace from which all progress stems.

The Treasurer's records will show a slight increase in the fellowship offerings for home missions. This growth, however, is not in keeping with our general increase. Perhaps this would be a good place to throw out a challenge to our pastors to go all out for bigger and better seasons of fellowship. It should be apparent to all of us that the value of these one-day-a-month programs will depend upon the loyalty and faithfulness of pastors, in their attendance and in the build-up which they consistently give to these services in the local churches. May we here highly resolve to do more than ever to lift these fellowship days to higher levels of mutual benefit.

The District camp and Bible Institute continue to be our major District-wide concern. We launched upon these endeavors, knowing in advance that greater sacrifice and more consistent co-operation would be necessary to success. To this good hour, we have not come short. Our obligations have been met in full, including some \$5,000 of old bills that followed us to the new location. We have been able to make a few badly needed improvements, have paid interest, taxes, and upkeep, and \$12,000 on the principal of our bank note. I think this conference should pause and render sincere praise to God that He has enabled us to carry through to this point.

It gives me pleasure to express thanks, on behalf of the District officers, to all of you who have stood by so nobly through another year. A faithful God will reward your faithfulness. Together we have undertaken a great work; we must not grow weary in well doing, nor allow our vision to become blurred through lack of faith. Over a period of years we can reduce our indebtedness to the vanishing point, effect further improvements and facilities, strengthen our Institute faculty, increase our contributions to home and foreign missions. All this and more without any crimping effects to the local units of our fellowship. In fact, success in these endeavors will contribute greatly to the strength and stability of the work in all its parts.

Some new and more satisfactory plan for sharing in this work of faith will probably come out of this conference. Our good-natured, hard-working Assist-

ant Superintendent has been giving thought to this matter and will present a plan through the resolutions committee in due season. In the meantime, please give the matter prayerful consideration. Perhaps you will have the answer.

There has been a definite touch of God upon the school this semester—protracted seasons when nothing could be done except pray and wait upon the Teacher sent from God. During these times, when students were gripped with this holy passion, several have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

During this Council session, we invite the ministers and delegates to take the necessary time to acquaint themselves with the facts concerning the Bible Institute. You will find someone at the booth with the answer to your questions. On behalf of the faculty, the board of directors, and the entire District presbytery, I solicit your support. Will you help us to make this vine of God's planting grow and be increasingly fruitful to His glory? It will not be enough to help pay the bills; we should rally to the common task of building the institution in the confidence of an ever-widening circle of friends; and by effectual prayer in the Holy Ghost, contribute to its spiritual impact upon the church and the world.

Our District camp meeting should become the vehicle of increased blessing as the years go by. Fostered by the leadership of the entire District, it should be an annual boost for unity and spirituality throughout our borders and far beyond. Two sectional camp meetings are being held each year in the District: one in the vicinity of Mount Lassen, and the other among the tall redwoods of Humboldt County. In addition to these, there is a camp meeting each year on the Hoopa Indian Reservation. There is ample reason for these regional camps, and I am confident that great good will come from these efforts to build a common cause. I trust that together we can find a way to assist our good brethren in these more remote sections to build these projects into more effective instruments for evangelism and good fellowship.

Whole-hearted, sympathetic concern for revivals of religion is the natural reaction of Christians everywhere. There is no place for narrow denominational prejudice in the balanced Christian's concept of this universal need. We in

this conference are both quick and happy to recognize the resurgence of evangelistic fervor in many churches in these grim and testing days.

Our church fellowship is the product of a truly great revival, a latter-rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit that has played a great part in flattening out the wave of last-days humanistic opposition to historic Bible religion. The fires of evangelical, Holy Ghost salvation must be kept burning. For us there must be no retreat from the full message or the high standards that have been ours from the very beginning of this Pentecostal visitation. Any departure from fundamental principles or from our first love is a call for deep repentance. May the God of the burning bush and the tongues of fire stir us and keep us burning till the day dawn and the shadows flee away.

A half century of struggle and sacrifice is behind the modern Pentecostal revival, and the aggressive militant spirit that characterized the work of the pioneers has not spent itself. Great days are ahead of us provided we continue to build according to the Scriptural pattern and to be actuated by motives that are truly Christian.

We have sailed through some rather rough seas in the past, and the future is not without its perils. I am reminded here of the warning message of Paul to the Ephesian elders concerning grievous wolves that would enter in "not sparing the flock." Continuing, he used these tragic words, "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." Sobering words, these.

Three years ago at our District conference, I lifted a feeble voice against what seemed a sporadic effort to discredit and destroy all organized effort in Full Gospel circles to make way for some vague "new order." I simply could not believe that these zealous ones had received such a commission from the Lord. When those who promise us something new in spiritual progress are themselves downright carnal in their treatment of others, and utterly lacking in Christian ethics and fair play, I am not impressed. Furthermore, when the prevailing winds that are whipped up by any religious agitation are schismatic in character and effect, there is every reason to warn against being blown about.

I believe this is the time and place to register concern over certain trends both in and out of our fellowship that should receive prayerful consideration. I am thinking now of the unrewarded and unsung laborers of a faded generation whose names are inscribed only in the Book of Life — men and women of clergy and laity who have gladly suffered the loss of all things for the sake of this gospel. The opportunities of today were forged but yesterday on the anvil

of sacrifice. Will you pardon me if I seem sentimental? But frankly I am burdened that now, in the evening twilight of this our day of visitation, we seem so ready to throw wide the doors to unsanctified and unrestrained ambition. Does this seem inconsequential to you? To me it is basic and foundational. This axe is laid at the root of the tree. I venture to predict that any spiritual movement that will be so forgetful of its pilgrim character and its emphasis on eternal things as to be unmindful of trends in leadership that stem from the human urge to get on in the world, will one day awake to find Ichabod inscribed over the doors of their lost opportunity.

We have no time to turn aside to sing the praises of men or even to listen while others sing them. We are not called to make a few men great or rich. In fact, I think there is something wrong with our moral concepts when we pinch the dimes of plodding sincere pastors and evangelists and throw our money at the glamor boys in reckless abandon. Moreover, we demand a strict accounting by the muzzled oxen that tread out the corn; but, of course, this must not apply to this special-privileged class. I am against this secrecy, this unjust discrimination and inequality. The extent of this catering to fleshly ambition by spiritual but uninformed people is enough to make angels weep. I don't think it is morally right to subject any mortal man to such a great temptation to lay up treasures while he represents the Man who was born in a stable and buried in a borrowed tomb. There is collective responsibility when these out-of-proportion situations develop and the plague of riches corrupt good and valuable men. Greed in high places should not be winked at either in the church or in politics.

Again, is there not something dangerous about the placid indulgence we grant under circumstances that give us an illusion of grandeur? Extravagant and extra-Biblical claims that strain the intelligence. Excursions into the field of the occult to make effective the technique of fright. All this and more would be recognized for what it is under ordinary circumstances. Are we willing to have our movement permanently stamped with question marks? I can do nothing more than register a sincere protest, but the responsible leaders of church organizations that are endangered by this leaven should, in my opinion, consult the Lord and consult together in an honest endeavor to hold religious effort on the high plane of dignity and reality.

With all my heart I appeal for a common ground upon which all the workers in the great harvest can be fellow helpers. It is more than possible for special workers to leave to co-operating pastors a heritage of blasted hopes and warped ideas that may have rendered them a



THE SUPERINTENDENT, W. T. Gaston, in the pulpit of Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco delivering his annual report to the Council session.

disservice. Really, brethren, there is no legitimate excuse when any one of us gets out of step with the grand army of good soldiers of Jesus Christ. The little church that Jesus brought together was a humble, common brotherhood. The disciples had other ideas, but the Master vetoed them.

Nothing in this paper is intended to reflect upon men with outstanding ministries. The more men of this caliber we have, the more our work will grow. My only insistence here is that all of us, small and great, build upon the solid foundation of Scriptural precept and example. I speak of greatness, of course, in its relative sense. In deepest reality, there is none great, but One, that is God.

Increased emphasis on divine healing is welcomed by all segments of the Full Gospel movement. This ministry belongs to the whole church in general and to the whole ministry in particular. All the elders of all the churches are authorized to pray for the sick. Who wants to be responsible for adding stipulations about gifts or angels? When we inflate some of the elders, unconsciously we deflate all the others. The ministerial fellowship is a team. In the sports world spectacular plays by individuals are frowned upon unless they contribute to the common objective. Some of our best players are getting out of bounds and should be called back. The grandstand may be enjoying the show, but the team can't win. It would be a sorry day when God-ordained pastors are cast in the role of interested spectators, and the faith and hope of their own people turn to others in their days of deep distress.

I linger to say that every genuine work of power is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. "We have this treasure

in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." Friends, we should never lose sight of two things about this whole realm of supernaturalism. First, all excellence is of the Spirit. Second, all the vessels are earthen.

Finally, brethren, this exhortation is intended to be realistic, but not pessimistic. I have great faith in the inherent rightness of our movement and in its ability to come through the tests of today and tomorrow. Let us all do our work in the light of this sobering fact that one of these days both our works and our motives will be laid in an even balance. Until then "look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." Should we not call ourselves to prayer and to a re-affirmation of the old standards of simplicity, humility, and godly sincerity? This, in my humble opinion, is true Pentecostal fundamentalism.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

The third strongest force known to man is the released energy of the atom, the second is the influence of thought, and the first is the power of faith.

WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

June 27 to July 6, 1952

London, England

The third world conference of Pentecostal churches is to be held in the famous Central Hall, Westminster, in the heart of London.

As there is a great demand for accommodations in London during the summer months, all who plan traveling to England to attend the conference should write without delay for further particulars and an application form. Write:

David J. du Plessis, P. O. Box 342, Glenbrook, Conn. (He is the conference Secretary, and suggested items for the agenda should be sent to him.)

E. J. Phillips, 20 Clarence Ave., Chapham Park, London, S. W. 4, England. (He is the Secretary of the British Pentecostal Fellowship, the hosts of the conference.)

34th Annual Council Session Held In San Francisco

In order to permit the credentials committee to have two whole days of unhampered and uninterrupted work interviewing those applying for ministerial recognition and to review cases of those desiring higher status, the District Council this year did not begin its business sessions until Wednesday of the Council week. This gave only three days of business-packed sessions. Meeting in the newly decorated Glad Tidings Temple, January 30 and 31 and February 1, commodious quarters were available for all necessary committee meetings and other departmental activities of this great fellowship. Possibly at the time of our annual District Councils we are in a better position to sense the growth of our movement from year to year. While the presbytery worked as credentials committees all day Tuesday, the temple was well filled with people, men as well as women, who had gathered for the all-day Women's Missionary Council meeting. Some years ago, there were no such meetings in our fellowship, and only through steady growth developed by the gradual increase in awareness of the worth of this good work, has the interest so permeated the fellowship that it now draws large crowds to hear with pride the extent of the work done by the ladies' groups in our assemblies.

The large Tuesday crowd was but the beginning of a week of meetings, two each day and a large gospel rally in the evening. Some had come hundreds of miles, driving many miles out of their usual course, to get to the convention in spite of the storms some days earlier. Some were unable to come because of the weather conditions, and some found other things hindered their getting to the gathering. But in spite of those missing, and who were missed, the size of the gathering still gave evidence of the continued growth of our District fellowship.

A committee consisting of Brothers Leonard Palmer, Leonard Weston, and E. Elsworth Krogstad (until he went to Oregon), worked on the clarification, revision, and expansion of the constitution and bylaws. After being presented to the District officers and the presbytery for suggested revision, printed copies had been mailed to all ministers in the District fellowship for their leisured reading and consideration prior to the District Council.

The newly adopted constitution varies from the former one mainly in the added preamble and in the enlarged and more comprehensive definition of sovereign and dependent assemblies.

The new bylaws are different in form from the former instrument, there being

a change in the latter part under the department headings, incorporating the essential resolutions, formerly classified for convenience and for expansion when desired.

As adopted, the new bylaws provide for the election of District presbyters in their own sections by receiving a majority of votes cast in the called sectional meeting. New committees are provided to take care of different phases of District interest. The reading course committee will consist of five ordained ministers appointed annually. Its duty will be to examine all candidates applying for credentials regarding their fulfillment of the obligations prescribed in the study of the reading course, or its equivalent, approved by the credentials committee. The Educational Advisory Committee will be headed by the executive secretary of the Educational Department, chosen by the District presbytery. Other members of the committee will be the Dean of Education of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, the District Sunday School Director, and the chairman of the Reading Course Committee. The Buildings and Lands committee will be an advisory committee on buildings and lands. Its responsibility shall be to devise or collect blueprints and specifications for various types of church buildings and parsonages, and, when requested, to give advice on church building problems, as well as to assist churches in arranging the purchase of real estate and in securing the services of a competent architect. Points of proposed changes were discussed, some at length, but when put to vote, they were defeated, leaving the new bylaws the same in these respects as the former bylaws.

Churches asked for regular support of Bethany Park and Bible School Development

To relieve the need for drives for finances at the summer camp meetings and at the District Council gatherings, it was voted to adopt a resolution to encourage the assemblies to contribute a definite amount each month or a percentage of the general income of the church regularly for this purpose. It has been estimated that if all the assemblies will share in the regular support of this campground and school development, the needs can be met without undue pressure in the large public meetings.

Annual Business Sessions to be Held Later in the Season

Coming at the end of January, the usual time for the District Council meeting has often been at a most inconvenient time for those living in the mountain sections of our District. This year,



THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE in session interviewing a candidate for the ministry.



DURING THE BUSINESS SESSIONS. The gentlemen on the platform, left to right, are Leonard Palmer, District Missionary Secretary, R. J. Thurmond, District Secretary-Treasurer, K. M. Haystead, Assistant Superintendent, and E. O. Robeck, chairman of the camp committee. Marjorie Maddocks, at the table, kept the official records of the meetings.

some of our Nevada brethren had to detour several hundred miles southward to get around the high snow-covered Sierras. So the body readily agreed to adopt a resolution to hold the coming District Council session the latter part of February.

Expands Glad Tidings Magazine Policy

With a view to informing the reading constituency of this magazine, on such matters, a resolution was adopted to expand the editorial policy of this magazine to include material relating to National and State issues of major religious importance and of vital interest to ministers and church members.

This was followed by a resolution to send a telegram to President Truman requesting that he refrain from appointing now or at any time an ambassador or other representative to the Vatican. This request is made on the basis of such

an appointment showing partiality to one church and in our opinion violating the principle of separation of church and state. The vote included instructions to the District office by the District Council to send similar telegrams to the two United States Senators from California and the two from Nevada, as well as to Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, requesting that they oppose appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, and that they oppose any proposed legislation authorizing universal military training.

Ask for More District Divisions

Believing that the District has grown so much that some of the sections need to be revised so as to permit the fellowship meetings to get to all the churches more often and to give a better feeling of fellowship in more integrated sections, the resolution was adopted to instruct the District presbytery to survey and investigate the present boundaries with a view to creating new sub-districts that will be the most helpful to the areas concerned.

Will Co-operate With Retirement Plan

By resolution the District Council in session went on record as endorsing the General Council aged ministers' retirement plan, and included in the vote the agreement that this District will participate in the plan by paying the three per cent of their salaries for the District officers so that they may benefit by the program.

Additions to the Ministerial Rolls

The closing daytime session was the impressive ordination service on Friday afternoon, when 20 men and one woman were ordained by the laying on of hands

of the District officary and presbytery. Some are pastors in the District, others are doing evangelistic work. Some of this number are planning on going to the mission field. In addition to the 21 ordained, the credentials committee granted license to preach to 22 others who were accepted as having a ministry. Christian Workers certificates were granted to 20 other applicants who are actively engaged in helpful service in and about their home assemblies.

Convention Hosts Appreciated

As one of the concluding actions of the Council, a vote of sincere appreciation was given to Glad Tidings Temple, its pastor and members, for the very fine hospitality shown all through the convention by means of their church, their housing accommodations in the building next door, and in the homes of many of its members. The ladies of the church did unusually good service in entertaining in the dining room, providing noon and evening meals for home and foreign missionaries present, and in accommodating many others too busy with convention business to go a distance for meals. They have the sincere thanks of those who partook of their skill and kindness and who have left the premises with memories of the best of Christian fellowship together. M.M.

Trouble is the only product of which the supply always exceeds the demand.

Religion to be real must be translated into the language of living epistles.

The test of courage comes when you are in the minority; the test of tolerance comes when you are in the majority.



PASTOR L. R. KEYS of Glad Tidings Temple, and General Presbyter, brought the ordination message.

What's Going On About Us — — —



Our national radio program REVIVALTIME is introduced each time it goes on the air with the words, "It's REVIVALTIME on the air AROUND THE WORLD." This is true! REVIVALTIME is heard around the world. In the United States, Panama, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Canada, Alaska, the British Isles, Europe, Asi, Africa and the East Indies, the message of REVIVALTIME speeds out across the ether waves telling the world that "Whosoever will may come" to the Saviour.

From all of these far-flung fields they are writing. From Scotland: "Your message was meant for me tonight. I was ready to give up and leave my husband and children. Your message gave me courage to fight the battle again. Now I am determined to go through." From Switzerland: "I am a shut-in. Your messages have been a real source of strength to me in the Lord. God bless you." From Germany: "I am a soldier stationed here. I used to know God, but have slipped away. This is two o'clock in the morning, but I felt I must write to you tonight while I feel as I do." From Honolulu: "I have found Christ through your broadcast and am attending one of your churches here now." From West Virginia: "I want to tell you the good news. I was saved at my bedside the other night, and my two sisters were saved the same week. Pray for my brother and parents. I want to see them all saved soon." Yes, from Africa, Asia, Alaska and Canada the mail is coming in. Souls are getting to God through our national radio program.

Our goal now is to put REVIVALTIME on a number of strong stations here in the United States. In the great centers of population there are multiplied thousands who never go to church. If we can get on a station that can deliver over a million listeners, it is a real missionary enterprise.

Won't you breathe a prayer for the success of your national radio program, REVIVALTIME?

If a man is going to be a Christian, he should be a strong one. The church has suffered more from weak Christians than wicked ones.

Revival is a new beginning in obedience to God.—Finney

The general board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., which represents 147,000 in this country, has voted to oppose universal military training. This was done on the ground it would be a move toward a garrison state. "It is not in accord with our heritage as a free nation under God, permanently to recruit our youth under the banners of the military," was a statement adopted by the board.

The Georgia civil defense director has named a religious advisory committee to help prevent panic and to give spiritual strength in the home front in case of atomic attack.

Christianity is not the only religion taking to television as a means of propagation of its teachings. As soon as it was announced that Japan probably would have television by next spring, the Buddhist Federation, which is comprised of 45 sects, were making plans to "invest capital in Buddhist education through television.

The Roman Catholics had already indicated that they would soon have a radio station broadcasting seventeen hours a day to "battle Communism." No Protestant plans are known for reaching the 83 million Japanese by radio or television.

The ban on non-Roman Catholic broadcasts in Peru has been lifted and Protestants have returned to the air with their programs. Delegates to a recent conference of Latin American evangelical radio men in Quito, Ecuador, expressed hopes that broadcasting freedom might soon be permitted in all of Latin America.

This statement has come from the President's Commission on Universal Military Training: "We must admit at once that a serious moral problem is presented by the removal of a boy of eighteen from the normal influence of his home, church, school, and local community, and his comparative isolation in a camp with large numbers of other men under entirely new and different environment." This serious moral problem constitutes the main reason why most Christians are opposed to Universal Military Training.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

MARCH

- 3—Blue Lake, Escalon
- 10—Marysville, San Jose, (Calvary), Willits
- 18—Montague
- 24—Biggs, Seaside

APRIL

- 7—Weott, Waterford
- 14—Boonville
- 28—Morgan Hill, Redding

From a sweet fountain of thought will flow sweet waters of talk.

You will never find time; if you want time, you must make it.



CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION are in the front row listening to the speaker for the ordination service Friday afternoon, Feb. 1.

The District Council

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K. M. HAYSTEAD
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The District Presbytery As It Stands Since the Sectional Elections and the District Council

1. Redwood	R. L. Neal
2. Shasta	Albert Rowley
3. Sacramento Valley	H. D. Byram
4. Lassen-Plumas	W. C. Ross
5. Lake-Mendocino	J. R. Edgar
6. North Bay	J. L. Gerhart
7. Capital	R. A. Wilson
8. Contra Costa	G. W. Clements
9. North San Joaquin	R. Carrington
10. East Bay	W. B. Nelson
11. Peninsula	E. O. Robeck
12. Coast Counties	L. E. Weston
13. South San Joaquin	J. C. Snyder
14. Nevada	C. C. Anderson

Standing Committees Appointed by the Superintendent and Presbytery for the Ensuing Year

Credentials Committee—

L. R. Keys, Chairman

All the General and District Presbyters

Glad Tidings Bible Institute Committee—

W. T. Gaston, Chairman

Atwood Foster

Robert Carrington

J. L. Gerhart

L. R. Keys

C. E. Persing

E. O. Robeck

R. A. Wilson

Camp Committee—

E. O. Robeck, Chairman

H. D. Byram

Enoch Christoffersen

Jack Errington

R. P. Murray

L. E. Weston

Home Missions Committee—

C. E. Persing, Chairman

C. L. Elmes

E. W. Knutson

L. H. Rogers

Sunday School Advisory Committee—

L. R. Anderson

J. R. Edgar

J. L. Gerhart

W. C. Jones

Other Appointments—

Leonard Palmer, Missionary Secretary
J. L. Gerhart, Executive Secretary of the Educational Advisory Committee
(The members are Dean of Education of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, the Sunday School Director, Chairman of Reading Course Committee.)

Newly Granted Credentials

Ordained February 1

Rayford C. Aderholt, Modesto

Forrest A. Childs, Fresno

Virgil E. Christian, Carmichael

Mario A. Di Nicola, San Jose

Avery D. Dooley, Olivehurst

James F. Durkin, Blue Lake

Frank C. Horne, Weitchpec

William E. Hubbard, Marysville

Glenora C. McMillan, St. Helena

George T. McQueen, Lower Lake

Andy C. Martindale, Modesto

Donald A. Nelson, Oakland

Glen W. Parks, Rio Linda

Ossian A. Robertson, Sausalito

Willie P. Rudd, Angels Camp

L. Austin Shelton, Weed

Fredolf B. Sonden, Vallejo

George W. Southwick, San Jose

James E. Wilson, Madera

John C. Wright, Jr., Auburn

Calvin R. Zeissler, San Jose

Reinstated with ordination status:

Carl T. Carlin, Livermore

Granted License to Preach:

Arlin R. Barron, Jackson

Fred D. Bowers, Sacramento

Clifton Brown, Kerman

Milton J. Buttram, Chowchilla

Otho I. Collins, San Francisco

John W. Croslin, Modesto

Mae Dell Darden, Vallejo

Martin S. Engebretsen, Hayfork

Claude Evans, Del Paso Heights

George J. Forrest, Alturas

John C. Franklin, Salida

Floyd L. Foster, Livermore

Robert E. Greer, Miranda

Garfield C. Hosking, Davis

William F. Huston, Santa Rosa

Harold W. Moe, Jr., Los Molinos

Anne Mapes Rannells, Carson City

Anne Sandry, San Francisco

Ewart H. Sherratt, Oakland

Melvin J. Veland, Eureka

Mary L. Vagle, Miranda

Norman H. Van Patten, Eureka

Granted Christian Workers Certificates:

Arnold D. Baker, Firebaugh

Albert R. Batey, Dos Palos

Otto T. Carey, Carmichael

B. A. Cuajoa, San Francisco

Charles J. Custock, Vallejo

Arthur R. Higgins, Carmichael

Beatrice Hudson, Plymouth

Arnold L. Lawson, Rohnerville

Carrie F. Lawson, Rohnerville

Jimmie Lee Logan, Stockton

Myrt L. McMullan, Modesto

Hartsell H. Morrow, Soledad

Our Aggregate Missionary Giving

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1951

From District and Assemblies Only

Offerings for the year	\$ 98,892.78
Given direct	16,150.65
Total for the year	115,043.43
Total offerings in 1950	94,339.25
Increase in giving in 1951	\$20,704.18

Ten Leading Assemblies

Sacramento Bethel Temple	\$10,864.81
Turlock Bethel Temple	7,153.88
Oakland First Church	5,674.10
San Francisco G. T.	4,729.00
Santa Cruz First Assembly	4,050.94
Modesto Bethel Church	3,563.75
Berkeley Assembly of God	2,868.78
Oakland Bethel Tabernacle ..	2,777.68
Morgan Hill Full Gospel	2,690.44
Kerman Grace & Truth Tab.	2,063.16

Other churches which contributed over \$1000 to missions: Dunsmuir Assembly, \$1,003.34; Escalon Assembly, \$1,806.25; Eureka Assembly, \$1,617.39; Hayward Bethel Church, \$1,111.94; Lodi First Assembly, \$1,088.44; Oakland Bethany Chapel, \$1,278.25; Pacific Grove First Church, \$1,088.15; Redwood City, \$1,503.73; Richmond, \$1,165.55; San Jose Bethel, \$1,176.55; San Jose Calvary, \$1,091.84; San Jose First Assembly, \$1,150.85; Santa Cruz First Assembly, \$1,212.00; Stockton Calvary, \$1,772.71; Sunnyvale First Assembly, \$1,230.85; Vallejo First Assembly, \$1,422.44; Weed Glad Tidings, \$1,295.45; Woodland Full Gospel, \$1,023.42; Yuba City Calvary Tabernacle, \$1,120.87.

Ten Leading Assemblies

(Per Capita)

Oakland First Assembly	\$283.71
Oakland Bethany Chapel	51.13
Turlock Bethel Temple	49.34
Herlong Assembly of God	47.34
Oakland Bethel Tabernacle	41.46
Livingston Assembly of God	41.01
Berkeley Assembly of God	40.40
Santa Cruz First Assembly	39.71
Weed Glad Tidings Assembly	34.09
Klamath Assembly of God	33.13

Robert D. Page, Ceres
John W. Peck, O'Neals
Hall R. Penman, San Francisco
Lowell I. Prinzing, Lodi
Fred L. Rodgers, Stockton
Lester T. Weaver, San Leandro
Frances M. Westfall, Tuolumne
Robert P. Winker, Marysville

District President Speaks at G. T. B. I. Freshman Banquet

(Editor's Note: It is not unusual that active Christ's Ambassadors would seek Bible school training, but the Class of '54 is a superb example of youth development. Many of these have been active in C. A. youth camps and as C. A. leaders.)

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."—Gal. 2:20. This was the theme of the freshmen banquet held January 12 at the First Assembly in Santa Cruz.

The theme was aptly illustrated by the fitting decorations. Upon the tables, which were in the form of a cross, were centerpieces of yellow and white crepe-paper pompons. Blue crosses made up the place cards on which was written the Scripture reference, Galatians 2:20. At the front stood a crude wooden cross surrounded by rocks and fern which reminded us of the cross where Jesus bore our sins.

Southern fried chicken with all the trimmings was served by the upperclassmen, making it very enjoyable for every guest.

All special music carried out the theme "Consecration," and chairman "Woody" DeVries directed our thoughts into the same channel.

The Freshmen felt it a great privilege

to have Dick Fulmer, to be the speaker. He used as his text Galatians 2:20 and Luke 14:25-33, with the thought of reconsidering our first consecration. As he spoke, there awakened in each heart a sincere desire to do more for the Master.

Each person wrote on paper one thing he intended to consecrate to the Lord in 1952. These were collected at the close, and Brother Fulmer and the Freshman counselor, Rev. Joseph Wilderman, prayed over them and laid them at the foot of the cross. With this, each one felt the significance of leaving his consecration at the cross.

Several service men attended, and after the banquet one received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The following day one who had attended found the Lord as his personal Saviour. This was additional assurance as to the Lord's work in hearts and lives.

Much prayer had been spent previously for the Lord's blessings upon the banquet, and truly the prayers were not in vain, for upon entering the banquet hall everyone could sense the presence of the Lord. Each person left with a new sense of responsibility of giving his all to the service of the Lord wherever He may lead.

Alone

Noah built the ark, and took his voyage with his family—alone. His neighbors derided him for his strangeness, but perished.

Abraham wandered and worshiped alone. The Sodomites laughed at the "simple" shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.

Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone; and of the lowly way He said His disciples should walk, He said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:14).

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide. It is natural to compromise conscience to follow social and religious fashions for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth, duty and devotion to God.

Multitudes today, both in religious circles and in the world, applaud the courage and fortitude of the patriarchs and prophets of old, the apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness like faithfulness to truth today.

Wanted: Young men and women who will obey their convictions of right and truth at the cost of fortune, friends, and life itself.—Sel.



NEW C.A. COUNSELORS for 1952. Left to right: Paul Radley, Thomas Custock, and Everett Morgan.



SANTA ROSA C.A.'s. Pastor and Mrs. L. R. Anderson are second and third in the row standing at the rear.

Santa Rosa C. A.'s

On the March!

On Sunday, January 13, there were special Youth Day services at the Assembly of God church in Santa Rosa, where Brother L. R. Anderson is the pastor. Brother and Sister Dick Fulmer were with us for the day.

Brother Fulmer spoke at the morning worship hour and again at the evening revival hour. His messages were directed toward the youth of today.

At 5:00 p.m. a group of about 30 young people gathered in the WMC room at the church for a youth fellowship. There was a time of visiting and getting acquainted during the luncheon. Slips of paper were passed around the group, on five of which were questions concerning consecration. As these were read aloud, they were commented on, and Brother Fulmer spoke to us on the different phases of consecration: not just for those entering the ministry or going as missionaries, but for all Christians. A novel "fagot service" was held at the close of this time of fellowship. Each one wrote his step of new consecration on a piece of paper, and, one by one, that paper was lit by the flame of the burning candle in the center of the room, and the resolution was "offered up" to the Lord. It was a time of blessing, and we felt as though the Lord were in our very midst, ready and willing and able to give us the strength needed to keep that resolution. We trust that this service shall long remain in our memories to encourage us to press on in the battle for the right and to live victorious over sin, thus making us a blessing and testimony in this world where sin is so rampant. We are so glad we are serving a Lord who can meet all the needs of the young people, as well as the older ones, and give them a joy, peace and satisfaction that can never be found in the world.

A man is also known by the company he avoids.

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Character is like the foundation to a house; it is below the surface.

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The devil has a great many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.

C. A. SPRING CONVENTIONS

OLIVER and GWEN FOTH

Missionaries home from India
Special music from Glad Tidings Bible Institute

COMING YOUR WAY!

April 18-19

GARBERVILLE

Firemen's Hall
Redwood, Lake and Mendocino
Sections
Friday night and all day Sunday

April 21

SAN JOSE

1st Assembly of God
Peninsula, Coast Counties Sections
One night only!

April 22

TURLOCK

High School Auditorium
North and South San Joaquin
Sections
One night only!

April 25-26-27

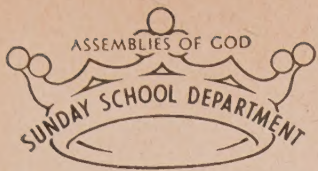
SUSANVILLE

Civic Auditorium
Shasta, Sacramento Valley, Capitol,
Lassen Plumas and Nevada Sections
Friday night, Saturday and Sunday

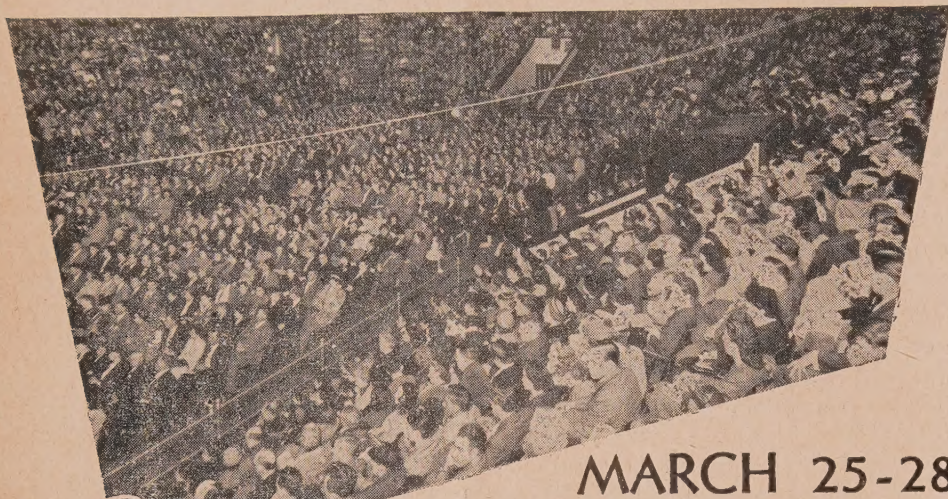
April 28

RICHMOND

Full Gospel Temple
North Bay, East Bay, and Contra
Costa Sections
One night only!



L. W. SUTER
District Sunday
School Director



MARCH 25-28
1952

Convention time!

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

"Christian Teachers — in every community — in every nation," has been selected as the theme for the world's largest denominational Sunday school convention which will convene on March 25-28, 1952. The tenth national — first international — Sunday school convention of the Assemblies of God will be held in Springfield, Missouri, and is expected to attract 10,000 delegates.

Reverend Paul Copeland, director of the national Sunday school department of the Assemblies of God, stated, "The decision to make the tenth Sunday school convention an international convention comes because we see a new interest in Sunday schools on the mission field and in many foreign countries. There is no surer way of combating Communism than by providing Christian teachers in every community of every nation of the world."

General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Reverend Wesley R. Steelberg, will speak on the world-wide theme in special half-hour sessions in the morning meetings. Each afternoon thirty different conferences and workshops will be offered on various phases of Sunday school and youth activities. Delegates will come together each evening in two simultaneous mass rallies, one held in the Shrine Mosque auditorium seating 4,500, and the other in the Southwest

Missouri State College Field House, seating 4,000. These rallies featuring representative speakers from the educational, youth, missionary, pastoral and Sunday school fields, will present the need for qualified Christian teachers throughout the world. In the senior high school auditorium, seating 1,500, a special program for children will be conducted by Raymond Ton, a popular children's worker from Redondo Beach, California.

Two Sunday school exhibition halls, called the "Sunday School World's Fair," have been arranged for the convention, with a total of forty-six exhibits. These exhibits will feature actual demonstrations of techniques in teaching and will display teaching helps, literature and materials suitable for use in Sunday school work. "Convention delegates will be able to counsel with Sunday school experts manning the exhibits and can gather many helpful items to take home with them for their Sunday school workers," said Reverend Copeland.

Delegates to the convention will represent various denominations and missionary groups as well as workers from Assemblies of God Sunday schools. Headquarters for the convention is the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Sunday School Rallies

TWO SERVICES A DAY

2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Capitol Section

Tuesday, February 26
Roseville, California

North Bay Section

Wednesday, February 27
Sebastopol, California

Lake Mendocino Section

Thursday, February 28
Lakeport, California

Diablo Section

Friday, February 29
Martinez, California

East Bay Section

Monday, March 3
Oakland, California
(Calvary Temple)

Coast Counties Section

Tuesday, March 4
Salinas, California
(Alisal Assembly of God)

Shasta Section

Friday, March 7
Dunsmuir, California

Redwood Section

(Ministers Institute and Sunday School Rally combined. Services 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, March 10 and 11)
Eureka, California

Peninsula Section (Northern half)

Wednesday, March 12
San Francisco, California
(Glad Tidings Temple)

North San Joaquin Section

Thursday, March 13
Modesto, California
(Bethel)

Peninsula Section (Southern half)

Friday, March 14
San Jose, California
(Bethel)

South San Joaquin Section

Monday, March 17
Chowchilla, California

Kenneth Haystead and L. W. Suter will be making a tour of the District, conducting Sunday School rallies in the above places.

The afternoon service will be informal. You can bring your problems to this service and have them discussed. L. W. Suter will be in charge.

Kenneth Haystead will be the speaker in the evening service.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK .

Buddhists Fete Chief Abbot's Arrival

Banquets, social gatherings and special religious services were planned for by Buddhist congregations throughout the Sacramento area honoring the arrival in the United States of Chief Abbot Kosho Ohtani and Lady Ohtani on the beginning of a goodwill tour throughout the country. Abbot Ohtani and his wife were honored guests at a banquet in the auditorium of the Sacramento Buddhist church recently.

Moral Breakdown Endangers

U. S. Government

In considering "what's next in 1952" we must never forget that every step in creating government in the American wilderness was based upon morals and religion. William Penn, the founder of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, expressed that fundamental truth when he asserted: "These people who are not governed by God will be ruled by tyrants."

Two centuries later the Supreme Court of the United States strengthened the spiritual foundation of the American Republic when it declared: "This (the United States) is a religious people." The great majority of our people adhere to the high moral and spiritual standards which guided our nation to its place of prestige and power in the world. The United States faces many grave dangers but the major problem grows out of the weakening of the moral fabric of our people in public and private life. Corruption in the government always results in a breakdown of the moral character of the people. The paramount need, therefore, is to strengthen the spiritual power of the United States as the first step in making our nation

sound, strong and solvent. In all history more nations have been brought to destruction by corruption and moral decay than by invading armies.

Clean, honest government at a price we can afford should be our objective in 1952. Government at all levels is costing more than can be paid for through current revenues. . . Through increasing centralization at Washington the Federal Government has grown so big and so cumbersome that no one can comprehend all its complexities. Only the people have the power to reverse the present policy of big spending, high taxes, big deficits and bigger debt. . . The demand for honesty, economy and efficiency in Government must come from the people in such volume that no bureaucracy, no matter how strongly entrenched, can stand against it. (Excerpts from U. S. Sen. Edward Martin as told to David Sentner of the Los Angeles Examiner Washington Bureau).

300 Catholic Youth Hear Blanchard

Paul Blanchard, author and out-spoken critic of the Catholic church, spoke before an audience of 300 students and priests at Mount Angel College, a Benedictine institution in St. Benedict, Ore.

He delivered the address at the invitation of the Rev. Mathias Burger, O.S.B. a teacher. Earlier during a talk in Eugene, Ore., Mr. Blanchard made the assertion that he had never been allowed inside a Catholic school, and Father Burger invited him to Mount Angel College.

The incident drew high praise from the Portland Oregonian, which observed: "Mt. Angel College is to be commended for the courteous reception accorded Paul Blanchard and for the spirit which

prompted college officials to grant his audience to the author. None has been so openly critical of the Catholic church as has Mr. Blanchard. . . The hearing given the author was a courteous one and the discussion proceeded in an orderly and reasoned manner."

Mr. Blanchard criticized the church as a system of power controlled from abroad and declared it is undemocratic. He disputed the Catholic interpretation for the establishment of the Papal system. He accused the Catholics in this country of trying to obtain public financial support for their schools.

Several priests and students answered Mr. Blanchard's criticism and at several points the debate became heated, but in the end Mr. Blanchard thanked the school authorities for their fairness in giving him the opportunity to speak at the school.

Less Than 10% Would Survive Next War

An international health authority said recently that less than 10 per cent of the world's population would survive another war. "Warfare now has become synonymous with suicide," said Dr. Chisholm of Canada, executive secretary of the United Nations' World Health Organization. "Unless the consciences of the next generation, in enough places, include higher degrees of responsibility toward the human race than has been found in ours, there will be no generations following the next one." Turning to a means of making war, the Canadian psychiatrist said: "Bacteriological warfare is so much more sweeping and deadly than the atom bomb that there is no comparison."

Far Far Away

A recent announcement says the great telescope on Mt. Palomar has picked up light which started toward this earth from a star cluster 360,000,000 years ago. At that time the cluster was traveling away from our immediate universe at an estimated speed of 38,000 miles per second.

Trial And Provocation

There are some things that cannot easily be learned. Our spiritual senses seem to require the pressure of difficulty and suffering to awaken all their capacities and to constrain us to prove the full resources of heavenly grace. God's school of faith is always trial, and God's school of love is provocation and wrong.

Instead, therefore, of murmuring against our lot and wondering why we are permitted to be so tried, let us glorify God and put our adversary to shame by wringing a blessing from Satan's hate and hell's hostility, and we shall find after a while that the enemy will be glad to let us alone for his own sake if not for ours.—A. B. Simpson.



TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE IN YUBA CITY held January 21 to 25, six churches in the area taking part. Pastors are in the front row. Left to right: Everett Steward of Wheatland, W. E. Hubbard of Marysville, Lester Kersey of Sutter, L. W. Suter, Billy S. Parks of Colusa, Searl Stover of Olivehurst, and George S. Sturgeon of Yuba City.

Here and There

AUBURN—Following a change of plans of the minister formerly chosen to be the successor to Brother T. L. Mendenhall, the congregation has chosen Brother Douglas H. Cooksey to be the new pastor.

BIOLA—The new pastor is Brother Roy F. George. Brother and Sister George are transferring to us from the West Texas District to serve the assembly in this community situated west of Highway 99 between Madera and Fresno.

BOYES SPRINGS—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held there January 21. The afternoon speakers were Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, in the interest of W.M.C. work, and Pastor Lester Fox of Napa. Robert Bowman of the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company, who had but recently returned from Manila, was the evening speaker. The pastor in Boyes Springs is Howard G. Davis.

BURNEY—Brother J. H. Creel is again the pastor in Burney, resuming his ministry there after Brother F. R. Hoole resigned to return to the evangelistic field.

EL CERITTO—Of the special meetings held in January, Pastor E. Wm. Anderson writes: "We just concluded a successful campaign for three weeks with the Jimmie Adams evangelistic party of Davenport, Iowa. A goodly number of souls were saved, two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, eight were baptized in water, and the last night of the campaign eight souls were at the altar seeking salvation. The Sunday school attendance reached the high mark of 337. A large number of first-timer visitors attended the meetings. This was a good all-round revival meeting for the church, helping every department. We plan to have them for a second campaign after their return from the London conference."

ELKO, NEVADA — Because of his health, Brother Walter E. Smith has resigned as pastor in Elko. His successor is Brother Travis F. Baker, former pastor in Placerville.

HIGHWAY CITY—Pastor J. L. Jeffrey reports: "For three weeks Evangelist R. E. Maxwell from Nocona, Texas, preached for us. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, two or three were saved, and the revival lives on and others are being saved."

ISLETON—Sister Blossom Gregorian of Rio Vista is now holding two services a week with the Spanish-speaking people, one on Sunday and one during the week.

KELSEYVILLE—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there January 14. In spite of the winter storm, the attendance was good. Pastor John Westfall of Point Arena spoke in the afternoon, and Pastor George McQueen of Lower Lake spoke in the evening service. The pastor in Kelseyville is Luther Perkins.

LINCOLN—Brother E. W. Knutson, after serving the church well for the past six years, has resigned as pastor. He has since been called to the church in Placerville.

McKINLEYVILLE — Brother Charles Kerner, who has been in evangelistic work over the District for the past year, has been chosen to be the new pastor in McKinleyville. He assumes his new duties early in March on his return from evangelistic meetings in Washington. The former pastor, Herbert Chisum is going to Arizona.

MADERA — Beginning February 10, Evangelist W. T. Stallings held two weeks revival meetings with Pastor Gobel Lawrence.

MORGAN HILL—On February 17 the evangelistic party consisting of the Earl Goulds, Eddie Kramer and Stephen Asmuth began two weeks of revival meetings.

MOUNT SHASTA—Brother W. M. Austin, formerly of Gustine, is the new pastor.

PATTERSON—Brother E. G. Kenedy has resigned as pastor.

PETALUMA—Brother E. G. Skultety, formerly pastor in San Rafael, is the new pastor, succeeding Brother W. G. Kaufman.

PITTSBURG—The new pastor of the church at Santa Fe and Harbor Streets is Philip P. Megna, who has been doing evangelistic work in the District since his return early last year from Europe.

PLACERVILLE—Brother E. W. Knutson, formerly of Lincoln, is the new pastor, successor to Brother Travis F. Baker, who has gone to Elko, Nevada. Brother Baker served the church in Placerville for the past two and a half years during which time the Sunday school attendance has risen and improvements on parsonage and church property were made.

RODEO—Pastor L. E. Cruncleton reports: "Have just closed a very successful revival meeting of three weeks with Evangelist Johnnie Smith of Modesto. Several were saved, some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Five followed the Lord in water baptism the last night, January 27. The revival fire continues to burn. We had the greatest communion service Sunday following the revival that we have ever had at Bethel Tabernacle. We are praising God for His blessings in Rodeo."

SALINAS (Alisal)—Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad began revival meetings for Pastor Louis E. Weston on February 12.

SALINAS (Northside) — Formerly known as Bethel Community Church, this assembly in the northern sector of Salinas will henceforth be known as the Northside Assembly of God and will be pastored by Brother Oral A. Hart, who is the former pastor in Pacific Grove. Since he left the Pacific Grove church, he has been holding evangelistic meetings in the Southern and Eastern States as well as in our own District. The former pastor is Carl Chunn.

TUOLUMNE—Evangelist Austin Shelton of Weed began revival meetings with Pastor L. A. Lewis on February 3.



THE FIREBAUGH ASSEMBLY'S house of worship. The congregation has been using this building for about two years. The pastor, Sister Esther Brady, has been there for four years.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF of the Firebaugh Full Gospel Tabernacle. Brother and Sister Brady are at the extreme left.



WAYSIDE CHAPEL IN ELY, NEVADA. For the past two years the congregation in Ely has been using these quarters. A former State senator's home, the present chapel, seats 50. This can be enlarged as need requires. At the present the building also provides excellent living quarters for Pastor Carl F. Wilhite and family.

Personal Mention

Chaplain and Mrs. FRANK W. SMITH expect to be home from Germany by the end of March. Serving with the Air Force, Brother Smith has been stationed near Weisbaden much of the time he has been serving in Europe.

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Brother and Sister ERIC M. JOHNSON, who have served several churches in this District as pastor, have left their mission station in Gold Coast, West Africa. Late in November they went to Sweden for a visit with Brother Johnson's father. In February they arrived in New York. After visiting in Springfield and in Tulsa, Oklahoma, they will be in Florida for their son Wesley's graduation in May. After that, they expect to return to California and will be available for meetings in the District.

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Already three weeks in the islands, Evangelist EDWIN J. HOLMES wrote in mid-February: "We have visited the Assembly churches on Oahu, speaking for Brother Morrison at Kilua and for Brother Vincent in Honolulu. He spoke for Brother Headrick at Wahiawa and for Brother McCollister at Haleiwa. At the time of writing he was staying with Brother and Sister Omar Goins at Lihu, helping in some construction work.

With the Lord

On the morning of February 4, Sister Nina A. Persing, 63, an early graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, and for several years with her husband, Verne Persing, a member of the District fellowship, slipped out of this life into the presence of her Lord. The end came in a Santa Cruz hospital after a brief illness. The Persings had made their home in Santa Cruz in recent years and have been active members in the First Assembly of God church.

My Bible

Not something inanimate
That little book of mine—
But something that is living—
The Word of God, sublime.

Between its sacred covers
Are nuggets of pure gold—
And as I scan its pages
Rare treasures there unfold.

A light unto my pathway,
A lamp unto my feet;
As I walk with Jesus,
My joy shall be complete.

A comfort in my sorrow,
When God seems far away;
When I have finished reading
My night has turned to day.

It lies beneath my pillow
I sleep with it at night;
It seems I love it better
When dawns the morning light.

I fold it to my bosom
And press it to my heart;
For me, it's my dear Bible,
We cannot live apart.

A guidebook as I travel
On to my home above,
A gift from God my Father,
A token of His love.

—Lillie Buffum



PARSONAGE OF OAKLAND BETHEL. This nine-room house is on Lyman Road, across from Dimond Park, four blocks above the MacArthur Boulevard and Fruitvale Avenue intersection. Completed about the end of 1951, it was built under the supervision of Pastor Arthur Otteson.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute

They Teach Our Youth

This month we present . . .



M. H. Heicksen, with his family

One of the first faculty members contacted by most new students at Glad Tidings is Rev. M. H. Heicksen, our Registrar. Brother Heicksen has held this post, and has been a classroom instructor at our school since 1948, when he came to us from C.B.I. in Springfield.

Brother Heicksen began his ministry in Montana in 1935, and for some twelve years he ministered there and in adjoining Districts, in both pastoral and evangelistic work. For a number of years during this time, he served as District Secretary-Treasurer, as a General Presbyterian, and from time to time as a speaker at ministers' institutes and seminars. This rich background, together with his manifest qualifications, eventually led to his call to C.B.I., and then to Glad Tidings.

The Heicksens were married in 1938, and they now have three children: Byron, Gene, and Darlene. Sister Heicksen too, is a capable preacher, for she was a successful lady evangelist at the time of her marriage; and she since has devoted herself to assisting her husband in the pulpit ministry.

The courses taught by Brother Heicksen at Glad Tidings include: Prophetic Studies (3 courses), Biblical Introduction, Hermeneutics (how to interpret the Bible), the Evidences for Christianity, the Geography of Bible Lands, and Parliamentary Law. These teaching activities are in addition to his work as Registrar. Also, Brother Heicksen is serving capably as chairman of the faculty library committee.

The dedication of the school annual, *Tidings*, to Brother Heicksen by the class of '51, clearly evidences the high regard in which he is held by the students.

Were you there? The Women's Missionary Council really had a big day on January 29 at the opening of District Council. One lady returned to her home assembly glowing with the testimony that you can't be around missionaries and WMC's very long without a lot of missionary vision and enthusiasm for missionary work rubbing off on you! The Glad Tidings Temple WMC prepared for 300, but served 600, and the Lord blessed the entire day to the women and pastors and many waiting to meet with the credentials committee. Reports of the President and Secretary-Treasurer showed increased activities for the year in giving of finances and outfitting missionaries. Those sectional directors present gave reports of special projects and other things of interest to local groups. After a beautiful solo by Brother James Durkin, pastor at Blue Lake, Sister Warren Hull, the new sectional director for North San Joaquin, brought a very appropriate devotional taking as her Scripture text Psalms 126:6: *"He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."* In the afternoon, Brother Creighton gave first-hand information about the Hawaiian Island churches, including a report about the orphanage sponsored by our Sister Thelma Simpkins. A number of WMC groups have been helping in giving and prayer for this good work of caring for neglected children, and we were glad to hear that the orphanage should soon be operating. "Aunt Jennie" O'Brien, recently returned from evangelizing in Alaska, told about Alaska's orphanages, especially reminding us of those not so well known. A good suggestion for toys for orphanages, and always welcomed by boys and girls, are red wagons and Jungle-Gyms, she said. These can be purchased by mail order to be sent direct, and are not too expensive for group projects.

Brother Leonard Palmer, missionary representative for the District, presented plans for combined sectional WMC rallies and missionary conventions throughout the District as a forward move for missions. Later in a meeting with the sectional directors, most of them made tentative arrangements for such two-

Good Attendance at W. M. C. Gathering

Glad Tidings Temple Well Filled for All-day meeting

and three-day meetings. He also took the yearly love offering for the officers that is divided between them. It amounted to \$97.

Mrs. Ferne Murray, sectional director of Coast Counties, presented an illustrated message using the Scripture "Ye are my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world." Many good suggestions and ideas were given from her own wide experience to create interest in local groups. Agnes Rodli, visiting from Alaska, and Mildred James, who have both labored in Indian home mission stations and in Alaska, represented Judea and Samaria. As the foreign missionaries were presenting the witness to the uttermost parts, the service was interrupted with several confirming messages in tongues with interpretations which climaxed the burden of the day, and the great auditorium became an altar of prayer. Foreign missionaries present were Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst from Fiji, Brother and Sister Busby from Indonesia, Brother and Sister Henry Marin from Italy, Brother and Sister Arthur Lindvall from Central America, and Brother Walter Erickson from Peru, S.A. Also attending Council were Brother and Sister Robert Thomas from South America, Brother John Tinsman from Indonesia, Mrs. Alva Houghton from the Island of Kauai, T. H., Brother Creighton, also from Hawaii; and later in the convention Sister Violet Pipkin from Manila, P. I., with her three little daughters, attended an evening service and gave greetings.

Home missionaries present at the afternoon meetings held Wednesday and Thursday afternoons gave enthusiastic thanks and appreciation for the good work of the WMC in sending out the Christmas boxes. They say, "You just don't know what it does for us in the small places to know the WMC's are behind us in prayer and with their wonderful gifts." Those who are new on the H.M. field are asking how to organize WMC's in their little churches! A number of letters have been received from foreign missionaries, asking that thanks

and appreciation be passed on to those who so thoughtfully supplied gifts for them and their families.

The grape juice from Lodi WMC was gratefully and thankfully received by the home missionaries who picked up the boxes with their names on them. Several, however, did not get theirs; so these were passed on to other needy places.

Many are asking about new projects and things to do for the year ahead. Here are some suggestions: Select an orphan, a missionary child, a missionary family and a home missionary from the lists sent you last year (they are not changed) and let us know whom you are taking so as to avoid too many duplications. Fill a "treasure chest" and have things on hand for missionary showers when your section will be having your WMC sectional rally and missionary convention. Give directly to the missionaries instead of bringing boxes to camp. Several groups in fruit-growing sections are planning to buy canners and get into a worthwhile canning project this summer for missionaries and the Bible school.

Mrs. Henry Marin reports that all kinds of used clothing for children and adults is needed in the recently flooded areas of Italy, and 22-pound packages, marked "Gift Parcel from USA" can be sent duty free to Assemblies of God, c-o Nello Goriotti, Superintendent, via dei Bruzzi 11, Rome, Italy.

Brother Walter Erickson informed us that 40 families were outfitted with clothing we sent with the Feltons to Peru and that there are now workers out preaching the Word who could not have done so if we had not sent the clothing, because prices are so prohibitive. A suit of clothes costs around one thousand Peruvian dollars, and a worker can earn only six or seven Peruvian dollars a day. He wants to take men's clothing, especially, back with him. He took a good portion of the things brought in to San Francisco and remarked a number of times on the good condition and quality.

The Arthur Lindvalls and the Walter Ericksons are desiring to take several larger items of equipment needed for home, print shop and operation of Bible school when they return. If groups or sections would like such projects, kindly let us know.

Our missionaries are depending on us to stand behind them in prayer as we help with their many material needs. There is much to do, and this is the time of year to do it. Keep up the good work and be faithful unto Him.

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Pentecost Comes to Samoa

by William E. Roscoe

(William and Leona Roscoe are known in the Richmond and Vallejo area. After ministry in Tennessee and Southern California, they went to Samoa to relieve Brother and Sister Herman G. Winkelman, who are now in this country.)

God has heard the prayers of intercession for the Samoan people and has poured out His Spirit on Samoans in Samoa for the first time in history according to the New Testament pattern found in Acts 2:4. Like all outpourings of the Spirit, it was preceded by prayer, not only on the part of a multitude of intercessors in the United States, Hawaii, and Fiji, but on the part of the Samoans themselves who have been regularly seeking the fullness of the Spirit. They gathered in the partially completed church in Aua village for morning prayer and fasting, praying for revival for six weeks prior to the initial, outpouring which came on Sunday evening, January 20, 1952.

They have been faithful in prayer and in coming to the services, especially the midweek Bible study, where they were taught the fundamental doctrines. Some people have feared the coming of the Spirit upon Samoans because of their superstitious belief in evil spirits. We rejoice because perfect love casteth out fear, and love for Jesus and a desire to be a partaker of His holiness motivated those who received the Spirit. They are hungry for even more spiritual blessings and are interceding for their friends and families. They have wonderful testimonies of victory and of the presence of God with them.

The outpouring has resulted in causing unbelievers to have a reverence for



G.T.B.I. NEWS IN PICTURES: (1) Miss D. Eileen Edwards, faculty member during 1950-51, who on February 6, sailed from this continent for missionary work in India. (2) A corner of the chapel during the final informal farewell for Miss Edwards. In the foreground are: Dean Peirce, Sister Edwards, and Bill Nelson, student missionary president. (3) Rev. and Mrs. Dean Duncan who ministered in a Thursday evening service and showed the film "Mission to Mexico." (4) Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Lindvall who paid a brief call to the campus in their itinerary since their return from Central America. Brother Lindvall taught at G.T. in 1946-47. (5) Senior student George Holland tries out the new portable sound amplifier for our street meetings. (6) Our cook, LaRene Vielguth, who joined us this past fall. (7) Dan Hughes, class of '51, who is now a co-pastor in a branch church in Denver, Colorado. (8) Roseville reunion at G.T.: Lewis Wilson, class of '50; Alice Wilson, class of '51; Mary Healy, class of '52, and Doris Hall, student of 1950-51. (9) Freshman Paul Storer completes a large chart for Brother Heicksen's prophecy classes. (10) Veteran Gospel minister, Rev. Hiram Brooks, with our Brother Peirce, and pastor Leonard Weston of Pacific Grove. Brother Brooks brought two unusually inspiring and encouraging messages to the students and faculty. (11) Brother Roper, the G.T. maintenance man, one of our faithful staff members. (12) Ronald Keskeys, class of '51, who after a brief session at N.B.C. in Seattle, has now returned to G.T. for special studies. (13) Guests of office secretary Marie Lewis. (left to right); Mariel Maurer, class of '50; Louise Wetzel, Novella McCurdy, student 1945-46, and hostess Marie Lewis. (14) Mrs. Helen Easterly of Watsonville, who brought a series of helpful messages on child evangelism. (15) Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Borst (class of '29 and of '23 respectively), missionaries to the Fiji Islands. The Borsts ministered in chapel and in the Thursday evening service.

God and an awe which makes them behave. We have had disturbances before, during prayer meetings at the church and before we started meeting in the church, in our home. Now some just stand quietly outside and listen or look in the open spaces where the doors are to be placed. Those who are really converted are coming and seeking the Lord nightly as we are having God-given revival services.

The Assemblies of God work in Samoa has been going for twenty years, being pioneered by Brother and Sister Herman Winkelman, who came by faith after graduating from Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Brother Winkelman was used by God in a healing ministry and in leading a number of very outstanding sinners to the Lord, such as drunkards, a witch doctor, and a bootlegger. But no

one went through to the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We came to relieve them in December 1950 and took the outstation at Aua, as they were unable to leave at that time as planned. God has enabled us to build a small tabernacle, 24 by 40 feet, on a plot of ground donated by a chief and deeded to the Assembly of God in Aua. On this land, in the unfinished tabernacle built by faith, and called "The House of Prayer," the Samoan people have been visited with the outpouring of His Spirit, promised to all flesh in Joel 2:28. This initial outpouring is like the cloud the size of a man's hand that Elijah saw. We are praying and earnestly expecting an abundance of latter rain, not only for Aua, the "rain village," but on all Samoa, which has 100,000 inhabitants spread over nine islands.

The Lost Gods

"Ye have taken away my gods . . . and what have I more?—Judges 18:24.

The Danites, on one of their marauding expeditions, looted the house of a rich farmer named Micah, carrying away, among other things, his choice collection of household gods. The man was absent at the time; but, returning shortly after, was overcome with grief, chiefly on account of the loss of his graven images and teraphim. He collected his neighbors and set out to recover them. On overtaking the Danites, he made a great outcry, whereupon the following conversation ensued:

Chief of the Danites: "What aileth thee, that thou comest with such company?"

Micah: "Ye have takes away my gods, and what have I more? And what is this that ye say, 'What aileth thee?'"

Chief of the Danites: "Take heed! Speak softly; lest these desperate fellows fall upon thee and thou lose thy life."

Deeming discretion the better part of valor, he returned. Here the story ends. We are left to suppose that hereafter Micah managed somehow to get along without his gods. He passed for a pious man, but his religion was a fraud. His domestic chapel was filled with devotional bric-a-brac, which was really better out of the way.

We are living in perilous times. The Danites are abroad in the land; and gods that have to be kept under lock and key are in danger of being carried off. The truth is never in danger; but people who have a half-hearted, precarious sort of faith are liable to lose it.

And it will be no great loss. Let all such religion go with Micah's gods.

What is a god? Anything that holds a supreme place in one's love and devotion. Wealth, pleasure, mundane ambitions: these are the gods of many. Though they be cherished for a lifetime, at last they must go. Or a man may set his heart upon a pinchbeck sort of morality; or on a creed made up of intellectual concepts, like that referred to in James 2:19, or on a certificate of church membership, such as Christ mentions in Matthew 5:20. Gods like these are never safe when the Danites of reality invade the land.

A religion that can be stolen is not worth mourning for. There is one God that cannot be taken from us: the God who has revealed himself in an old Book called the Word of God, and Who has made Himself manifest in Christ, His only begotten Son. To believe in Him is to have a hope like an anchor, "sure and steadfast, taking hold of that which is within the veil."

The man who enthrones that God at the center of his religion has wealth "laid up in bags that wax not old," pleasure "at God's right hand forevermore," and the fulfillment of the highest possible ambition in serving Him. He has an enduring morality in a "crown of righteousness which fadeth not away," a genuine orthodoxy because his creed is interwoven with his being, and a church membership which is recorded in "the Lamb's Book of Life." These things are not his gods, but they are essential parts

Attainment

There's no thrill in easy sailing
When skies are clear and blue:
There's no joy in merely doing
Things which everyone can do.
But there is some satisfaction
That is mighty nice to take,
When you reach a destination
That you thought you'd never make.

of his devotion to God; and they can never be taken from him.

A true Christian is in no danger of losing his religion, for he has committed his destiny to One who said, "No man shall pluck you out of my hand." The Danites cannot steal his God. Enemies in the church or out of it vainly assault his faith. This man cannot lose his Bible. He cannot lose his confidence in the divine Christ, because he stands beside Christ in the quiet place at the center of the storm. "My sheep hear my voice," said Jesus, "and they follow me. . . . All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. . . . When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. . . . I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

If this means anything, it means that the faith of a true Christian is safe. It is only the religion of compromise, the half-hearted makeshift that doubts the truth of the Scriptures and questions the honesty of Christ, that goes down before the specious arguments of unbelief. The man who dwells in the same house with his Saviour, though hearing the footfall of the Danites as they pass his door, sings with Paul, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

—D. J. Burrell

A man may go to heaven without health, wealth, fame, education, culture, or a thousand other things, but he can never go to heaven without Christ.

Some give Christ place in their lives; others give Him prominence. But what He demands is pre-eminence.

In the early days of the Republic, a stranger once asked at Congress how he could distinguish Washington. He was told, "You can easily distinguish him when Congress goes to prayer. Washington is the gentleman who always kneels."

AQUI HABLAMOS ESPANOL

(We speak Spanish here)



From time to time, missionary minded students in the Spanish classes at G. T. get added opportunity for practice in conversational Spanish by sitting at the "Spanish table" in the dining room. This group has received special tutoring from Miriam Bueno, who formerly was with her missionary parents in Chile. Miriam is in the left foreground.

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